



## 2D COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION COMMANDER'S SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY STATEMENT



Substance abuse refers to the harmful or hazardous use of substances, including alcohol and illicit drugs. Alcohol abuse, the use, possession, or distribution of illegal drugs, and other controlled substances degrades our readiness and combat effectiveness. The abuse or use of such substances erodes our good order and discipline, and it can directly affect the welfare of Marines, Sailors, and our families.


Every member of 2d Combat Engineer Battalion will be trained and educated on the risks of substance abuse, both medically and professionally. Marines and Sailors will know that substance abuse can destroy lives and careers. Leaders at all levels will be trained on identifying risks and indicators of such behavior and know how to properly report abuse through the chain of command.

All leaders will work collectively across the ranks to promote responsible and legal use of alcohol, and the absolute zero tolerance for illegal drug use. Synthetic drug use and prescription medication abuse are included in this zero tolerance policy as well. There is no place for substance abuse within our Corps. The American people expect more from America's Engineer Battalion.

Any Marine or Sailor, regardless of rank, involved in an alcohol or substance abuse related incident or suspected of alcohol or substance abuse will be immediately referred to the Substance Abuse Control Officer (SACO) for assistance. Any member of the 2d Combat Engineer Battalion team who feels they have an alcohol or substance abuse problem is encouraged to self-refer to the SACO for professional assistance and possible follow-on treatment support, without fear of reprisal.

Be a leader and be vigilant. I will be aggressive in our policy for screening for illegal drugs and controlled substances. Know your Marines and Sailors and look out for their welfare. We must be engaged as leaders and be able to identify risks and indicators of substance abuse and illegal drug use. In the event you identify these behaviors, report it immediately to your chain of command.

The Substance Abuse Control Officer for 2d Combat Engineer Battalion is: Staff Sergeant Burt at (910)440-6307.

  
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